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If you were a physically challenged individual how would you enjoy a picnic when the day use area is amidst the sand dunes? How would you take part in beach activities with your family when the entire beach is loose sand? How would you get around your campsite when the surface is loose gravel? How would you make a phone call when the telephone is surrounded by a small "box-like" booth?

These are just a few of the questions Ranger Bennett asked his staff at Aspen Beach Provincial Park.

"When the answer to all these questions came back as 'With great difficulty', we knew we had our work cut out for us," said Ranger Bennett. To rectify these problems, a plan was developed and four projects were initiated.

Access to a barrier free picnic site was developed using a fine gravel material soaked with a calcium chloride solution packed to a hard surface to provide a vehicle unloading platform, as well, a gradual sloping ramp up the side of the sand dune to the picnic site, and access across the sand dune to the vault toilet facilities. The picnic site includes a swing, top fire pit in one corner and a picnic table with a bench cut off on one side for wheelchair seating.

A hard packed surface of the same design as the picnic site is planned to extend out onto the beach as well. This project will hopefully get off the ground next year.

A barrier free campsite consisting of three campsites and access from the site to neighboring washrooms were paved in Lakeview Campground. The sites are adjacent to an already paved campground road leading to the beach and playground areas.



In cooperation with A.G.T. the old style telephone booths were replaced with telephones mounted on a pedestal.

In addition to these projects, staff have kept a lookout for areas to improve accessibility for physically challenged persons.

Keep up the excellent work.



Barrier Free Picnic Site

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Exotic Birds

By Eileen McDonald



Every once in a while rumor has it that one of our department employees feel they get "pooped on". I, however, know of only one who really does. Part of his family also endures the same treatment and all in the name of dedication and commitment to, no...not his job, but his hobby. This hobby demands the feeding of 12 to 20 gram exotic newborn babies a few drops of watery pabulum with a pipette every two hours - 24 hours a day (most of which his wife and daughter-in-law does). When they grow a little bigger they'll be fed with a spoon. Each gets loads and loads of love and affection until, at about four months, they are placed in their new adoptive homes which will be carefully selected by their surrogate parents, Roy and Peggy Archibald.

Roy, a father of five and grandfather to seven, is our Stettler-based recreation consultant with almost 22 years of service to this department. He commenced employment with the department as a district youth representative in 1968 when we were called the Department of Youth. During six of those early years he spent his annual vacation guiding and outfitting Americans hunting for bear and moose.

He can tell you some interesting stories about the department if you are lucky enough to get him to stop talking about his parrots. I wasn't by the way!



Peggy Archibald spoon feeding three month old Double Yellow Headed Amazon

Seven years ago Roy paid \$1,600 for his first parrot (a talking Mexican Double Yellow Headed Amazon baby which he named "Tika"). Peggy was less than pleased with the cost but Roy told her that if he was crazy enough to pay that much for a parrot there must be other crazies out there, and he and his proceeded to buy all the parrots in the world with breeding as their objective.

They now breed four subspecies of Amazons, five Macaws, three of

Sport Exchange with Korea Extended

By Doug Balsden

As a result of a trip to Korea, June 17 - 26, 1990, the department will participate in a sport exchange with Alberta's sister province in Korea, Kangwon Province. Our Minister, Dr. Stephen C. West signed a sport exchange agreement on June 25, 1990 which will focus on soccer in 1991, and in future years, baseball, skiing, and canoeing. There is a good potential for the development of these sports in both provinces and the exchange of coaches and athletes is seen as mutually beneficial.

Other highlights of the trip included a tour of the 1988 Seoul Olympic facilities, a



tour of sport and park facilities in Kangwon Province such as a 60 million dollar soccer/track and field stadium, Mt. Sorak National Park, the Alps Ski Resort and the site of the 1991 World Boy Scout Jamboree near the City of Sokcho in the northeast part of the province. The site of

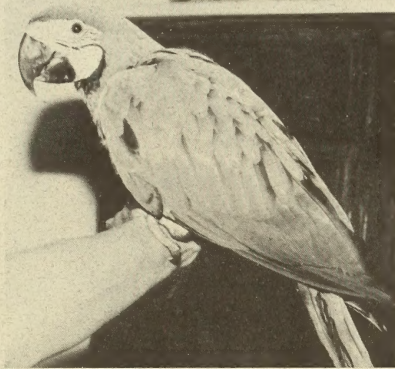


Provincial Park Forecast

By Rosemary Jones

Cockatoos, and some Congo African Grey Parrots which are noted as the world's best talking birds. One of Roy's Amazons sings "Old Macdonald" and "Clementine" on and off cue.

The Archibalds believe they have bred and hand-raised a greater number and variety of these intelligent and beautiful creatures than most of the limited number of aviaries in Canada and are proud of their accomplishment



Blue and Gold Four month old Macaw

Congratulations to the Archibalds for their determination, hard work and caring for these beautiful birds.

this Jamboree in a mountainous area is similar to the site of the 1983 World Boy Scout Jamboree in Kananaskis Country.

Accompanying the minister on the tour were Brian Evans, MLA for Banff-Cochrane and his wife Debbie; Don Dick, Executive Director of the Boy Scouts Western Region; and myself.

This was the first opportunity for all members of the delegation to travel to Korea and to savor the food, the scenery and the excellent hospitality of the Governments of Kangwon Province and the Republic of Korea.

What happens to the provincial parks weekly forecast after the field representatives have painstakingly written and submitted it to their district or regional office every Monday morning? Well for your information the proverbial "buck" does not stop there!

Once the information is collected from all provincial parks within a given district or region, the report is summarized and then submitted to the Communications Branch in Edmonton. Information from the 62 provincial parks is tabulated and then distributed to 19 media contacts throughout the province. For the past few years Shaw Cable has broadcast the

information under "Parks Update" starting Thursday evenings. This year also saw CBC-TV Edmonton air information pertaining to parks in the Edmonton area every Thursday night on their 6 o'clock news. The parks forecast is picked up by newspapers, radio stations, television stations and Alberta Tourism outlets.

Please remember, without you in the field gathering this information and relaying any new information to the Communications Branch, the report would not be as successful as it is.

Thanks to you...it's working.

Social Committee Corners

The Department of Recreation and Parks Social Committee was established in May of 1989.

The roles and responsibilities of the Social Committee are to provide support to individuals or groups who want to organize an event, to plan and organize a few major department events annually, and to facilitate or coordinate department events by soliciting interested staff to assist with the organization of such events.

Some of the events that have been held in the past year and a half have included two department picnics held in the spring for staff and their families, a department ski trip, a Christmas party for staff and a children's Christmas party as well as two summer camp-outs. The committee also assisted in other events such as the 1989 Grey Cup Primer, the 1990 Interdepartmental Softball Tournament and the publishing of a department cookbook.

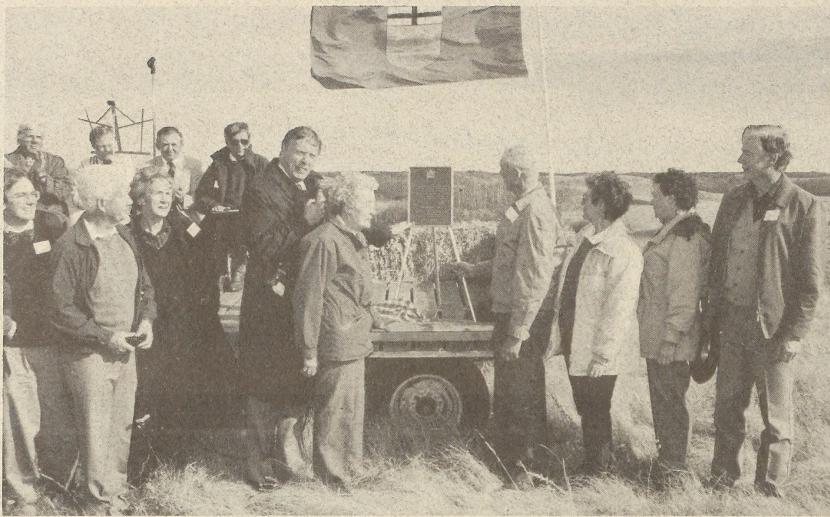
Please contact any one on the Social Committee if you have suggestions or ideas for events you would like to organize and want assistance from the committee or if you have any comments regarding past or upcoming events.

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Department Cookbook Back by Popular Demand

Have to buy a Christmas present for someone who has everything... why not order the Department Cookbook. The Social Committee has ordered reprints of the cookbook which sell for \$7.00 each and will be available by the end of November. To place your order, contact a representative on the Social Committee.



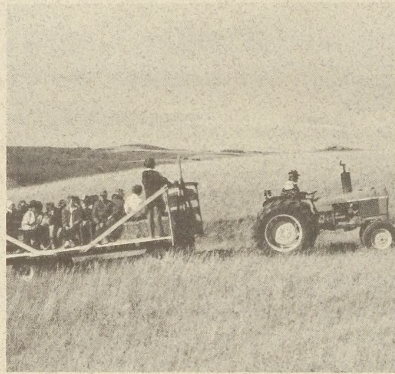
Department Picnic



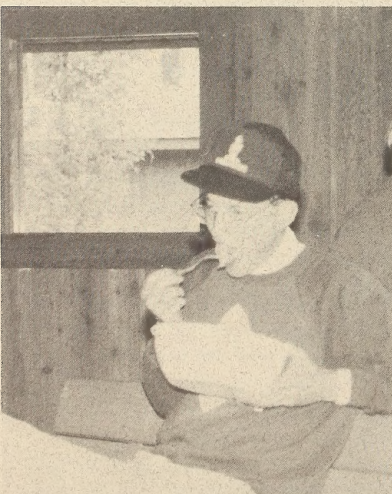
Rumsey

(right) The official dedication ceremony for Rumsey Ecological Reserve was held in the middle of the reserve on October 9, 1990. Guests enjoyed an old fashioned hayride featuring interpretive talks by provincial parks visitor services staff on their way to the dedication ceremony site.

(above) Dr. West (centre) was joined by members of the Usher Family in unveiling a dedication plaque to commemorate the establishment of Rumsey Ecological Reserve. The Usher Family has held grazing leases on the land since 1917.



Camp-out



(right) Jack Cockburn and Kyle Clifford trying for the ringer

(left) Did you forget your bib Kyle? Watch you don't slop on your sweatshirt. (Kyle Clifford, Provincial Parks Services)

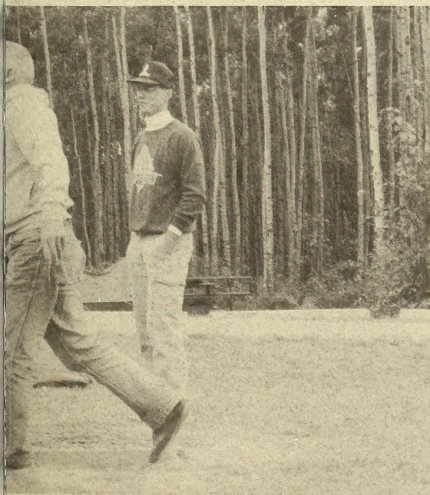
(above) So long Edmonton, Hello Thunder Lake Provincial Park. (Communications Branch)



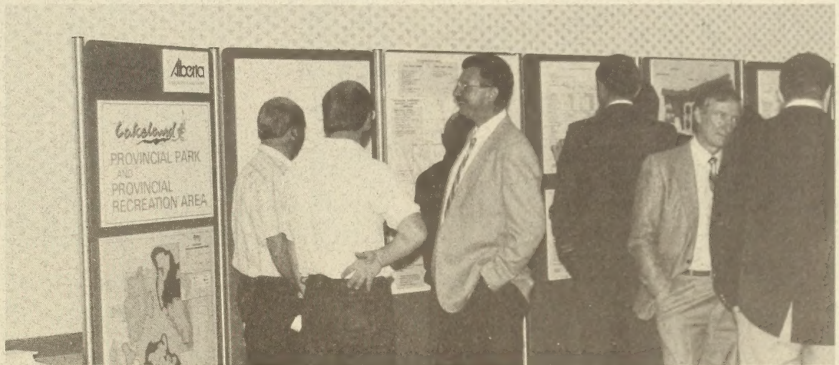
(below) Karen Malin (Corporate Services and Josie Nundahl (Recreation Development) toast a successful event

(left) One of many EGGcitable activities

(below left) Look Mom, We've created a new makeup fad!

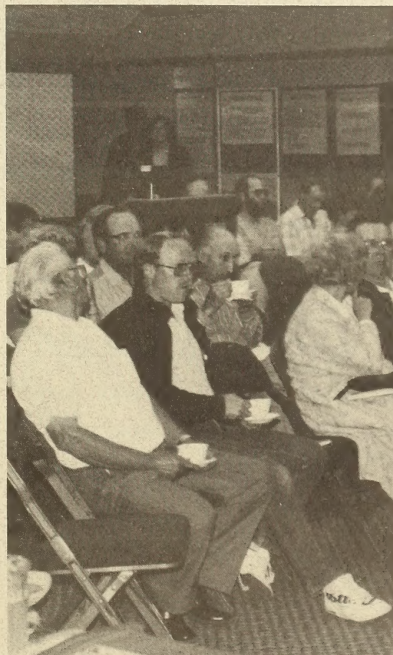


Lakeland Provincial Park and Provincial Recreation Areas Open Houses



(top) Keith McDonald (right), East Central Regional Director, represented the department on the information panel discussing the parks proposal. Other panel members included representatives from Tourism and Forestry, Lands and Wildlife.

(left) The Lakeland open house held in Edmonton attracted a variety of interest groups from fish and wildlife groups to environmental organizations.



(above) Roger Reilander (center), Lakeland District Parks Manager, provides background information on the proposed Lakeland Provincial Park and Provincial Recreation Area to members of the public attending the Edmonton open house. Provincial parks staff conducted open houses and information sessions on the newest park initiative in conjunction with Alberta Forestry, Lands and Wildlife's Lakeland Integrated Resource Plan review and Alberta Tourism's Lakeland Destination Resort Plan. Open houses were held in Lac La Biche, Glendon and Edmonton

What Can I do in a Provincial Park

By Henry Saley, Coleen Kinselia and Terri Featherstone

Provincial parks have so many activities for you to enjoy all year round. How many hidden clues can you find?

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Adventure

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Paddle

Sun

Baseball

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Picnic

Swim

Birds

Football

Rowing

Tanning

Boating

Frisbee

Sandcastle

Toboggan

Broomball

Hiking

Skate

Trees

Bugs

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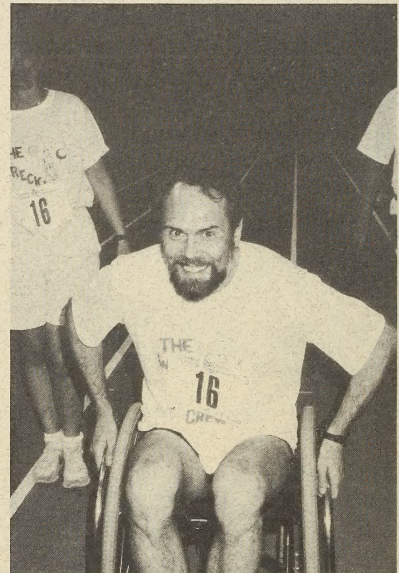


Corporate Challenge

By Marion MacCallum

Banners and balloons, costumes and clowns, runners and refreshments, tots and teams, families and fun, lots and lots of laughs - that was Corporate Challenge '90 - the annual fun and competition event in celebration of an active lifestyle for all Canadians.

Our "Rec'ing" team came 5th out of 20 entries. Not bad for a team who had to make last minute changes due to two members who were ill and could not attend. Nothing daunted and against tremendous odds (a gremlin tells us that some teams practiced for weeks) our team scored high in most events with a cumulative total of 485 points. Up from last year's placement of seventh.



Come on Wendy (Andrews) give Dave (Arsenault) a little push

Team members included: Ken Wilson, Dave Arsenault, Lloyd Bentz, Barb Wood, Heidi Fedyniak, Josie and Brian Nundahl, Wendy Andrews and Greg Kitura from the Recreation Development Division; Brian Ogston from Provincial Parks Service; Cindy Cahill, Jan Patterson and fiancé' Jim Krysko, from the Communications Branch. Eileen McDonald from the Communications

"Stanley" Visits Terry Trohimchuk

By Sheila Hubens



A Great job was done putting together our entry into the float contest.

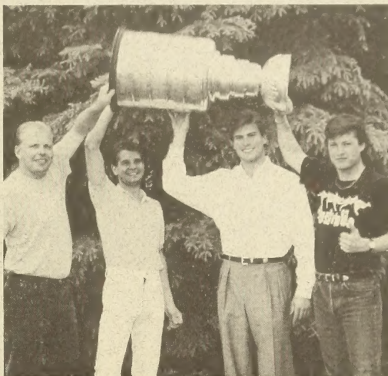
Branch was a volunteer as well as myself as coordinator and volunteer. Special thanks to Greg Kitura who by dint of coercion, badgering and that powerful smile put this team together.

Corporate Challenge has grown tremendously since its inception in 1979. In Alberta, approximately six challenges are held per year; the largest participation occurring in Edmonton.

So dust off those jogging shoes, costumes, golf clubs etc. and get ready for Corporate Challenge '91.

It's not every day that the prestigious Stanley Cup and Craig Simpson drop over for a party. But that's exactly what happened to Terry Trohimchuk after the Oilers won the Stanley Cup.

Terry threw the party to celebrate the victory and his friend and number one goal scorer in the play-offs, Craig Simpson was there with "Stanley." Terry



Craig Simpson with Terry Trohimchuk (right) and Friends



Terry relaxing in the sun

and his buddies say the Cup tastes even sweeter the 5th time around.

Raised in Edmonton, Terry is a die hard Oiler and Eskimo fan, two teams he feels are well worth the money to watch.

When not working in the Corporate Service Division as supervisor of Central Mail and Supplies, Terry devotes his spare time to sports, either watching or playing. He is an avid golfer and also enjoys playing tennis, cycling and baseball. He likes to travel (somewhere that has a beach, especially to Hawaii) and just having a good time on the town.

More Than Just Medals

by Jan Patterson

With brows sweating, adrenaline pumping and anticipation running at an all time high Team Alberta headed to Winnipeg ready for nine days of action-packed competition at the 1990 Western Canada Summer Games held in July in Winnipeg.

Over 700 strong - Team Alberta athletes, coaches, manager and mission staff prepared to prove the wild rose province was a force to be reckoned with - not only in sport but also in spirit. Providing the spirit to excel was the job of the mission staff, a group of 16 department and non-department people whose sole responsibility was to ensure that all the needs of Team Alberta were met prior to and during the Western Canada Summer Games. The mission staff arrived

prepared to help Team Alberta go for the gusto!

And go for the gusto we did! Echoes of "Hey, hey, hey, Alberta all the way" rang through the streets of Winnipeg as the blue and white brigade wound their way to the downtown core in preparation for the opening ceremonies. The wave of enthusiasm triggered the media to dub Team Alberta the "Most Enthusiastic Team," an accolade that fuelled our spirit to excel.

The enthusiasm Team Alberta became known for was evident as competitions got underway. Alberta athletes led the way in almost all of the events.

Medals weren't the only thing Alberta shone in though as evidenced by our baseball team. The 21-member team took

time out from competitions to pay a visit to the Winnipeg Children's Hospital and hand out balls and pins to fans who were unable to cheer them on from the stands. Despite a slump on the field, Alberta's softball team made up in enthusiasm as they loudly proclaimed their team spirit from the dugout.

When the final day of the Games arrived, Team Alberta had not only retained their second place finish but left Winnipeg with the spirit to excel still burning. Along with the friendships made and good times had, the camaraderie built through competition, and cheering on of friends, is how nine days of the summer of 1990 will be remembered in the minds and hearts of Team Alberta...until we meet again in 1995 in Abbotsford, B.C.

On The Move

In the Corporate Services Division we say good-bye to Tammy Murray who decided to move back to Ontario. We wish her the best of luck. Also, a fond farewell to Judy Geddes who transferred to Public Works, Supply and Services as manager of a personnel services unit, and Mark Fetting who transferred to Provincial Parks Service.

A big welcome to Leon Thompson, departmental messenger, Louella Wittur, records clerk and Joyce Bohachyk, processing clerk who transferred from Provincial Parks Service to Corporate Services.

Toby Rabinovitz has left the Recreation Development Division to work as the national coordinator for the Skills Program in Ottawa and Kevin Crockett is now working for Alberta Tourism. Richard Larsen transferred from Edmonton to the Lethbridge Office and Linda Sasaki is working in the Three Hills Office.

The Recreation Development Division welcomes Matthew Collins to the Edmonton Office, Angelo Murphy to High Prairie, Dale Drummond to St. Paul, Robert Hagg to High Level and Scott Vaughn to Wainwright.

Recreation also welcomes from Provincial Parks Service: Barry Manchak, Bill Porter, Denise Moroz, Karen Findlay, Ted Ritzer, Eugene Lin, and Dan Bodie are working in Edmonton and in the regional offices we have Alan Thompson, Lethbridge; and Raghib Mangat, Red Deer.

Kananaskis Country welcomes Pommashea Parry to the Calgary Regional Office and congratulations to Theresa Baker on her recent promotion, Darlene Gushulak has moved on to Public Works, Supply and Services.

We wish Leanne Cherry, Wayne Meili and Peter Degelder well in their future endeavors.

In East Central Region you can find Ray Gibson and Steve Cooney at Cold Lake, Martin Paetz and Janice Baik are at Moose Lake, Glenn Harvey at Garner Lake, Dave McRae at Sylvan Lake, John



Bush Pig Rosemary Jones joined Pigeon Lake Provincial Park as a Ranger

Leslie at Miquelon and Henry Saley has returned to Miquelon as well. Ted Johnson, James Johnson, and Eugene Ugancz are in Lac La Biche, Ray Mickelson and Ed Whitelock are at Blackfoot, Kerry Hope is at Whitney Lakes, Bob Romanshyn at Dillberry, Rick Huseby at the Parkland District Office, Robert Morrison is at Cold Lake, and Andy McCracken is at Wabamun.

Up north you'll find Rob Spelliscy at Moonshine, Leslie Sullivan at Queen Elizabeth, Gary Dewhurst and Owen Oliver are in Valleyview at the regional office, Debbie Cartwright at Carson Pegasus and Grant Kihn is at Lesser Slave Lake.

If you go west (even if you're not as young as you once were) you'll find Rob Dipalo at Wabamun, Samir Halabi at Pembina River, Leslie Forsyth at Crimson Lake, Kevin Hepple and Doug Pilkington are at Aspen Beach. Andy Van Imschoot is at Wm. A. Switzer, Ken Kroetsch at Thunder Lake, Kenneth Mezerecky, Myron Yachimec, Beauchamp Colclough are at the Regional Office in Rimbey,

Wade Bell, and William Rennick are at Fish Creek.

To the south find Sharon Tiffin and Ray Mickelson at Dinosaur, Melissa Weiss, Paul Avery and David Ferrier are at Cypress Hills, Margaret Manley and Gary Hellinga are at the Crowsnest District Office in Lethbridge, Greg Barnett at Little Bow, Grant Moffatt and Herb Brotherwood are at Park Lake, Leigh McNeill at the Cypress Hills/Milk River District Office, John Blythe and David Stoddard are at the Regional Office in Vulcan, Ward Trotter is at the Badlands District Office, and Wayne McIntee at Beauvais Lake.

In Edmonton we are already missing Sharon Lichak. She left to have a baby and now insists on staying home. Gerry Strudwick also has all our best wishes as he begins a well deserved retirement.

Larry Duchesne has moved to Public Works, Supply and Services, Robert Hutchison can be located at Career Development and Employment, and Derek Tsang is at Municipal Affairs.

We also must say good-bye to the following people: Oksanna Dawson, Steve Mundy, Honor Archibald, Leonora Lumabi, Paul Skydt, Carl Sorenson, Brian Braidwood, Bill Keith, Simon Cantin, Kenny Lim, Cathy Mowat, Ron Heaslip, Rod Keith, Frank Lau, Gerry Heine, David Mannes, Roger Chen, Tom Walls, Suzanne Hickey, and Brian Crawford. You have all left your personal stamp on our provincial parks.

Just a Few Words

We suspect this headline writer needs more drill:

"New environment chief settles in well."

Maybe the chief wants to do some "deep thinking"

- Source: Communications Briefing